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Defendants-Appellees.

ON APPEAL FROM AN ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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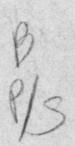
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Defendant-appellee Harry Goodkin & Company ("Goodkin")

petitions for rehearing, pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. Rule 40,

and suggests rehearing in banc, pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. Rule

35, with respect to these portions of the decision and judgment

of this Court which hold that the complaint states a claim upon

which relief may be granted and a private right of action for

damages may be implied under Section 206 of the Investment Advisers

Act of 1940, as amended, against accountants and other persons who

are not investment advisers.*

^{*} Goodkin also joins in the reasons put forth by defendants- appellees Fleschner, Becker, Ehrlich, Pomerance and Fleschner Becker Associates as such reasons may be applicable to Goodkin.

The majority of this Court held in the affirmative notwithstanding that (a) Section 206 applies on its face only to investment advisers and not to "any person" and (b) Congress explicitly intended to deny private plaintiffs the right to bring actions for damages under the Act against alleged aiders and abettors when it conferred enforcement powers upon the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to aiders and abettors in 1960.

In Cort v. Ash, 422 U.S. 66,78 (1978), the Supreme Court stated that a relevant factor in determining "whether a private remedy is implicit in a statute not expressly providing one" is whether there is "any indication of legislative intent, explicit or implicit, either to create such a remedy or to deny one? . . ." (emphasis added). As demonstrated in the Supplemental Brief for Appellee at Points II, Congress, when legislating with respect to aiding and abetting in 1960, intended to " . . . [M]ake it clear that no civil liability to private individuals is intended . . ." Hearings before a Subcomittee of the Committee on Banking and Currency, United States Senate, on S. 1178, S. 1179, 86th Cong., 1st Session 496. In holding against the defendant-appellee, it appears that the Court overlooked this explicit indication of congressional intention. For this reason a rehearing should be granted.

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